

I have become aware of the National Association of Broadcasters' petition 04-160 that seeks to prevent satellite radio services such as XM from broadcasting news and weather information. I find the NAB's proposal to be reprehensible and antithetical to the spirit of free competition on which the American economic system is based. As a customer of XM, I pay what I consider to be a very reasonable monthly fee in order to have access to an amazing variety of programming that is not available on commercial broadcast radio. I fail to see what basis the NAB has for attempting to stifle a commercial transaction between a customer (me) and a company (XM). If the broadcast radio industry is this scared of satellite radio they should seek to better their product, rather than attempt to short-circuit their competition through legal means. In short, I urge you to reject the NAB's proposal in the interest of justice and fair competition.